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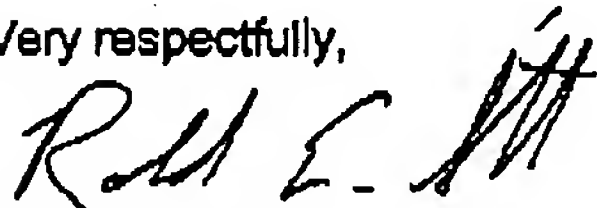
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Re:	USPN 10/707,291	CC:	David W. Pratt

Dear Examiner Chin:

In response to the final office action mailed November 13, 2006, we enclose the following:

- 1) Amendment Transmittal with Certificate of Facsimile Transmission under 37 CFR 1.8(a) dated March 13, 2007 (2 pages);
- 2) Petition and Fee for Extension of Time with Certificate of Facsimile Transmission under 37 CFR 1.8(a) dated March 13, 2007 (2 pages);
- 3) Credit Card Payment Form PTO-2038 in the amount of \$60.00 (1 page);
- 4) Request for Continued Examination Transmittal with Certificate of Facsimile Transmission under 37 CFR 1.8(a) dated March 13, 2007 (1 page);
- 5) Credit Card Payment Form PTO-2038 in the amount of \$395.00 (1 page); and
- 6) Amendment C with Certificate of Facsimile Transmission under 37 CFR 1.8(a) dated March 13, 2007 (7 pages).

Very respectfully,



Ronald E. Smith  
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Application No. : 10/707,291 Confirmation No.: 1290  
Applicant: : David W. Pratt  
Filed: : 12/03/2003  
Art Unit : 3652  
Examiner : Paul T. Chin

Docket No. : 1053.30  
Customer No. : 21,901  
For : Bottom-Emptying Device for Tapered Bailer

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**AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL**

1. Transmitted herewith is an amendment for this application.

**STATUS**

2. Applicant is an independent inventor.

**EXTENSION OF TERM**

3. The proceedings herein are for a patent application and the provisions of 37 C.F.R. 1.136 apply. Applicant believes that an extension of term is required. Petition and Fee for Extension of Time is attached hereto.

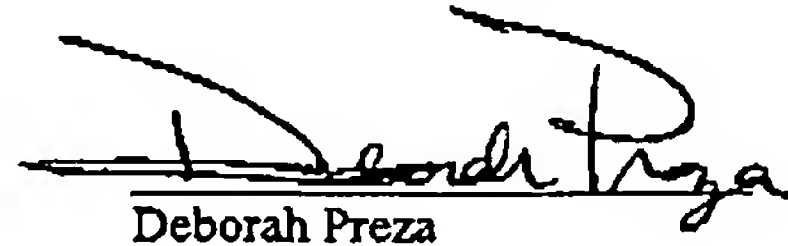
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**CERTIFICATE OF FACSIMILE TRANSMISSION**

(37 C.F.R. 1.8 (a))

I HEREBY CERTIFY that this Amendment C, including Introductory Comments, Amendments to the Claims and Remarks, together with A Request for Continued Examination is being transmitted by facsimile to the United States Patent and Trademark Office, Art Unit 3652, Attn: Paul T. Chin, (571) 273-8300 on March 13, 2007.

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### FEE FOR CLAIMS

4. The fee for claims (37 C.F.R. 1.16(b)-(d)) has been calculated as shown below:

	(Col.1)		(Col.2)	(Col.3)	SMALL ENTITY	
	Claims Remaining After Amendment		Highest No. Previously Paid For	Present Extra	Rate	Addit. Fee
Total	9	Minus	20	= 0	x \$25 =	\$0
Indep.	1	Minus	3	= 0	x \$100 =	\$0
First Presentation of Multiple Dependent Claim					+ \$180 =	\$0
Total					Addit. Fee	\$0

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No additional fee for claims is required.

Very respectfully,



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